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Contact Information

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Research interests

Corporate Finance: Corporate Governance, Capital Structure; Finance and Innovation; Labor and Finance; Political Economy and Finance

Academic experience

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- *Associate Professor*, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska (August 2017 – present)
 - *Assistant Professor*, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska (2015 – 2017)
 - *Assistant Professor*, Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon (2006 – 2015)

Education

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- *Ph.D. in Finance*, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Publications

“Labor and Corporate Governance: International Evidence from Restructuring Decisions”
(with E. Han Kim, *Journal of Finance*, February 2009, 64:1)

“Do Hostile Takeovers Stifle Innovation? Evidence from Antitakeover Legislation and Corporate Patenting” (*Journal of Finance*, June 2013, 68:3)

“Arm's Length Financing and Innovation: Evidence from Publicly Traded Firms”,
(*Management Science*, January 2016, 62:1)

“Can Tax Cuts Stimulate Corporate Innovation” (with Xiaoding Liu, forthcoming, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*)

“Corporate Governance and Payout Policy: Evidence from Master Limited Partnerships”
(with Aaron Mandell, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, December 2018, Vol. 53, Pages 106-132)

Working papers

“The Bright Side of Political Uncertainty: The Case of R&D” (Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Financial Studies*, with Brandon Julio and Tiecheng Leng)

“Corporate Governance, Non-financial Stakeholders and Innovation: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” (reject-and-resubmit, *Journal of Finance*)

“Corporate Governance and the Cash ‘Puzzle’” (with Bektemir Ysmailov)

“Rival Cash Balances and Corporate Innovation” (with Hoang Nam Le)

“Crowding-out Innovation” (with Vikram Nanda)

“War, Finance and Innovation” (with Vikram Nanda)

“Corporate Taxation and Merger Activities: Evidence from State Tax Changes” (with Vineet Bhagwat and Xiaoding Liu)

“Dual-class Ownership Structure, the Lifecycle of Firms and Corporate Innovation” (with Hyun Hong, Ivalina Kalcheva and Ian Ryou)

“Superstar CEOs and Innovation” (with Keun Jae Park)

Invited presentations

- **“Can Tax Cuts Stimulate Corporate Innovation”**
 - 2018 European Finance Association Annual Meeting, Warsaw, Poland, August, 2018
 - 2017 Annual National Tax Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2017
 - NBER State Business Taxation Conference, Boston, MA, May 2017
 - 2016 China International Conference in Finance, Xiamen, China, July 2016
 - 2016 Midwest Finance Association, Atlanta, GA, March 2016
 - 2015 Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation around the World Conference, Beijing, China, June 2015
 - Eighth Annual USPTO/Searle Center Conference on Innovation Economics, Northwestern University, June 2015
 - Seminar presentations at De Paul University and Tulane University (October 2014), University of Tennessee, University of Nebraska, University of Kansas, University of Florida (November 2014), and University of Arizona and University of California, Riverside (December 2014), University of Iowa (August 2015), Iowa State University (September 2015), the US Department of Treasury (March 2016), and the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (September 2016)
 - NBER Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference, Boston, MA, July 2014
 - Asian Financial Management Conference, Tokyo, Japan, May 2014
 - University of North Carolina's Seventeenth Annual Tax Symposium, January 2014
- **“The Bright Side of Political Uncertainty: The Case of R&D”**
 - 2019 University of Denver Summer Finance Conference, September 2019
 - 2017 Finance Cavalcade, Nashville, TN, May 2017
 - 2016 Asian Financial Management Conference, Sydney, Australia, July 2016
 - 2016 China International Conference in Finance, Xiamen, China, July 2016
 - 2016 Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference, Scotland, May 2016
 - 2nd Workshop on Uncertainty ‘Impact of uncertainty shocks on the global economy’, London School of Economics, London, UK, May 2016
 - Seminars at the University of Delaware, Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Pittsburgh, University of Illinois at Chicago, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, Peking University, Remin University of China

- **“Corporate Governance, Non-financial Stakeholders and Innovation: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”**
 - 1st CSEF Conference on Finance and Labor, Univ. of Naples, Capri, Italy, August 2013
 - Innovation and Sustainability Conference, Lundquist College of Business, June 2012
 - Seminar at Imperial College, London, UK, January 2009
 - Pacific Northwest Finance Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, November 2008
 - **“Crowding-out Innovation”**
 - National Tax Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2018
 - Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, October 2018
 - Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 2018
 - Pacific Northwest Finance Conference, University of Washington, November 2013
 - Seminar at the Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology, February 2013
 - **“Corporate Taxation and Merger Activities: Evidence from State Tax Changes”**
 - National Tax Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2018
 - Seminar at Sun Yat Sen University, Guangzhou, China, April 2017
 - Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, October 2016
 - **“Superstar CEOs and Innovation”**
 - Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, October 2017
 - Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2015
 - **“Do Hostile Takeovers Stifle Innovation? Evidence from Antitakeover Legislation and Corporate Patenting”**
 - AFA annual meeting, San Francisco, January 2009
 - Western Finance Association annual meeting, Hawaii, June 2008
 - European Finance Association annual meeting, Slovenia, August 2007
 - **“Arm's Length Financing and Innovation: Evidence from Publicly Traded Firms”**
 - AFA annual meeting, Chicago, January 2007
 - Pacific Northwest Finance Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2006
 - European Finance Association annual meeting, Switzerland, August 2006
 - **“Labor and Corporate Governance: International Evidence from Restructuring Decisions”**
 - Winter Research Conference at the Indian School of Business, February 2007
 - Harvard Business School International Research Conference, May 2006
 - Zurich Conference on Alternative Views of Corporate Governance, March 2006
 - Finance seminars at Duke University, Purdue University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Michigan, 2005-2007
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Courses at the College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Fall, 2015-2017)

- FINA 461 (Advanced Corporate Finance for junior and senior undergraduate students)
- FINA 999 (Doctoral Seminar in Finance)
- GRBA 815 (Managerial Economics of online MBA and M.S. students)

Courses at the Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon (2006-2015)

- FIN 311 and FIN 311H (Economic Foundations of Competitive Analysis, undergraduate core)
- FIN 613 (Managerial Economics, MBA)
- FIN 673 (Problems in Finance, MBA)
- FIN 607 (Seminar in Current Research in Finance, PhD)

Academic Service

- Ph.D. program coordinator (September 2011- July 2012)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Chair and Committee Member, College of Business, University of Nebraska - Lincoln (2017-present)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Chair and Committee Member, Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon (2012-2015)
- MBA Committee (2009), Accounting Recruiting Committee (2009), Ph.D. Finance Recruiting Committee (2010, 2011), Finance Recruiting Committee (2015-2016)
- Seminar Engaging China - accompanied MBA students in their annual experience in Beijing and Shanghai, China (September 2010)
- Co-Organizer: Innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability conference with Rosemarie Ziedonis, Lundquist College of Business (June 2011, 2012)
- Organized external speaker seminar series in the Finance department (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012)

Honors and awards

- *John and Emiko Kageyama Research Fund Award*, University of Oregon (September 2014)
- *Lundquist College of Business Summer Research Award*, University of Oregon (Summer 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- *Securities Analysis Center Summer Research Award*, Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon (Summer 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- *Allan Gilmour Fellowship in Finance as an outstanding student in the Finance Department*, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (January 2005)
- *Charles H. Gessner Fellowship* for an outstanding student from a developing nation, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (January 2005)
- *Two Mitsui Life Grants for research in Emerging Market Countries*, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (May 2003, October 2004)

- *Two William Davidson Institute (WDI) Travel Grants for research in Emerging Market Countries*, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (April 2003, April 2005)
- *Mitsui Life Fellowship for the best incoming student in the Finance Department*, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (2000-2001)

Hobbies and interests

Technology, travel, photography, global economics and politics